



# Tahoe National Forest

## Equestrian Information

Riding through the Forest's diverse landscape on horseback offers a unique and intimate way to connect with nature and experience tranquility and beauty. Before you embark on your equestrian adventure, make sure to check guidelines for horseback riding, including trail access, camping with horses, and leave-no-trace principles.

### Multiple-Use Trails

Many trails are open to multiple uses, meaning that trails are shared by hikers, horse riders, and bicyclists. Trail etiquette for multiple-use trails calls for horses to have the right-of-way. Hikers should yield to horses. Bicyclists should yield to horses and hikers. Horse riders are responsible for the control of their horse at all times.

When riding on forest land, remember that operators of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) also may be utilizing the area. They may not hear others, so use caution when you hear approaching OHVs. Courtesy and respect for others is important for the safe enjoyment of forest trails.

### Equestrian Camping

The Tahoe National Forest limits camping to 14 days. Campfire permits are required for fires outside developed campgrounds. Call the nearest ranger station for information on current fire restrictions.

Equestrian users must "pack-in" feed for pack and saddle stock. Forest Service policy requires the use of weed-free hay or feed to reduce chances of invasive weed introductions on forest lands.

Overnight camping is not allowed at trailheads unless otherwise noted. Most sites are available on a first come, first served basis. Campsites are generally available from May through October. Campsites that can be reserved are noted where applicable.

### Be a Good Steward on Forest Lands

Keep stock in single file on trails. To reduce the impact and deterioration of trails, do not cut switchbacks.

Wet marshy areas are very susceptible to damage and should be avoided.

Tying stock within the immediate camp area is discouraged. Animals should be tied, picketed, or hobbled in dry areas to minimize trampling damage. Move picketed horses often. Tie horses to trees only during short stops. Be sure the tree is at least 8" in diameter. For long periods, tie horses to a high line stretched between two sturdy trees.

Keep campfires small and burn only dead and down wood.

Leave the backcountry without a trace! Dismantle fire rings and pack out your trash. Scatter manure piles. Dismantle temporary hitch rails or corrals.

Recognize the fragile nature of the backcountry environment; always practice minimum impact techniques.

### Truckee Ranger District

- Davies Creek Campground at Stampede Reservoir is a developed campground with 10 overnight sites with campfire rings and trailer parking.
- Boca Springs Campground near Boca Reservoir contains 17 developed campsites with fire rings, vault toilets (summer only), piped water, hitching post and water trough located at site #1.
- Bear Lake Campground off Barker Pass Road is an undeveloped campground with five overnight sites with campfire rings. 4WD is needed to access this site.



- Castle Valley Campsite at Donner Summit off the Boreal Exit is a 1/2 mile north of I-80. The undeveloped campsite has good access to the Pacific Crest Trail. Overnight camping is allowed.
- Donner Summit Pacific Crest Trailhead has parking for nine trailer pulling vehicles and 16 single vehicles. No overnight camping is allowed at the trailhead. Facilities include an accessible vault toilet, drinking water, hitching posts, equestrian trail access and Pacific Crest Trail information.
- The Barker Pass Pacific Crest Trailhead has parking available but overnight camping is not allowed at this trailhead.
- The Powderhorn Trailhead has parking for day users and allows overnight camping.
- Washington Overlook. There is trailer parking off the gravel road but no overnight camping on the pioneer trail.
- Skillman Group Campground has 16 campsites with 12 available for trailers. Facilities include hitching posts, corrals, and water troughs. There is good access to trails from the campground.
- Missouri Bar Trailhead does not have overnight camping. The trailhead is located near the town of North Bloomfield. The trail provides access to the South Yuba River.
- Lindsey Lake. Horses and other stock animals allowed within the campground limits. There are undeveloped camping areas along the road to Lindsey Lake that will accommodate animals.
- Black Camp-Loney Meadow Trailhead provides access to Grouse Ridge non-motorized area via the Loney Meadow and Bullpen Lake Trail. There is no overnight parking at the trailhead. There are primitive campsites 1/4 mile in at Black Camp. The next nearest facilities are at Lindsey Lake Campground.
- Grouse Ridge Trailhead provides access to the Grouse Ridge non-motorized area. No overnight camping is available at the trailhead; however, animals may be outside the immediate campsites at the Grouse Ridge Campground. There are also several undeveloped camping areas along the road to Grouse Ridge that will accommodate saddle and pack animals.

### Sierraville Ranger District

- Bear Valley Campground has 10 developed campsites that include vault toilets, drinking water, tables and fire rings. Horses and saddle stock are not allowed within the campground limits. Animals may be kept in nearby areas beyond the campground limits.
- Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp is another developed campsite for equestrian users. Facilities include a corral, hitching posts, fire rings and tables. There is good access to the Pacific Crest Trail from this campground.

### Yuba River Ranger District

- Pack Saddle Campground is a developed campground with 10 sites and parking for 15 trailer-pulling vehicles and five single vehicles. Facilities include a vault toilet and hitching rail.
- Pioneer Trail Trailhead. No overnight camping. Parking is adjacent to Highway 20, seven miles east of Nevada City.

### American River Ranger District

- Robinson Flat Equestrian Campground has seven developed sites that include vault toilets, fire rings, and tables. There is a potable water pump in the meadow near the campground, no equine are allowed in the meadow.



- Talbot Campground is a small campground of five developed sites with a trailhead to Picayune Valley in the Granite Chief Wilderness. Facilities include vault toilets, fire rings, and tables. Horses and saddle stock are not allowed within Talbot Campground. There is room for trailer parking, and two hitching posts available outside the campground limits at the trailhead.
- Mumford Bar Trailhead is adjacent to Foresthill Divide Road. It provides limited trailer parking for Mumford Bar Trail, which accesses the North Fork American Wild and Scenic River. Overnight camping is allowed. There are 6 hitching posts available at the trailhead.

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